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The World's Wheat Champion He Was Once Green City Man

THE wheat championship of the world, as symbolized in the awards of the international hay and grain show at Chicago, has gone to Canada for the thirteenth time in the fourteen years the Dominion has been exhibiting. The individual farmer to bring this supreme honor to Canada for the crop of 1924 is J. C. Mitchell, this achievement marking the third occasion of his winning the world's wheat championship, as well as culminating a career which has been featured by the securing of a host of other agricultural awards. Mitchell resides at Dahinda, in southeastern Saskatchewan, where he farms 800 acres of land, of which he owns 480 acres and leases 320 acres.

There are many interesting features of this supreme agricultural award. One is that he arrived in western Canada raw and inexperienced, with the apparent disability of competition with farmers of tradition, and learned the first elements of agriculture there. Now, as once more the wheat championship of the world goes to a green city man, it is essentially the triumph of the zealous immigrant.

Mitchell was born and spent his youth in the town of Mossley, in the Lancashire district of England, where his father was mayor for some time. His family was engaged in the wholesale and retail coal business, and this was Mitchell's training for a future agricultural career. After long and mature thought he decided that he was not making the progress his ambition demanded, and he could not see its fulfillment in England. This turned his thoughts toward Canada and a farming career. He had just been married and his wife was that type of helpmeet which insists on taking its share of early burdens. Against his wish, she sailed for Canada with him.

Files Homestead Claim That was twenty years ago. He filed upon a government homestead, which formed the nucleus of his farming establishment, and which at that time was 60 miles from the nearest railroad. He had a minimum of capital in both money and experience, and some of his early mistakes were lamentable and ludicrous, though natural. What he has accomplished there today has been evolved from the simplest of beginnings and in the face of great difficulties. The first shack he built with his own hands was, in his own words, a grotesque affair, but it was the first real home. The first breaking consisted of a few acres, and for the want of adequate machinery the land was hand sown.

But Mitchell and his wife were of the right immigrant type. They set out with the determination to succeed. Mitchell's aim from the very first was for the highest and best in all things, and his wife has been in all respects the most admirable of partners. This team work has produced on his piece of Saskatchewan land not only wheat and other cereals which have made the Mitchell name widely known, but hogs, dairy cattle and other farm products. Mitchell's methods of farming have been those which, followed to an increasing extent each year in western Canada, are stabilizing and bring greater profits to the farming industry. His motto has been to make the farm keep the household; to produce a little more pork, cream, butter and other products than needed, and to meet only farming expenses from the wheat bin.

Multiplies Holdings Apart from his many awards in international competitions, he is successful in all branches of mixed farming. His original homestead has multiplied several times in extent, and he conservatively estimates his assets over liabilities at \$20,000, exclusive of this year's crop return. Not a negligible record for twenty years of real living.

This winter Mitchell is spending some months in his native land. He hopes to be able to induce others of his countrymen to follow his example and emulate his career. Before he left he was asked if he believed the same opportunity existed in western Canada for the British immigrant is when he came out twenty years ago, and he replied:

"Much more so. There is a far better opportunity for the Englishman today. He will not undergo the trials and tribulations to which I was subjected. The pioneering has been done and the country made ready for him."

Beauty—By Thomas Moore

Oh, what a pure and sacred thing Is Beauty, curtained from the sight Of the gross world, illumining One only mansion with her light! Unseen by man's disturbing eye— The flower that blooms beneath the sea, Too deep for sunbeams, does not lie Hid in more chaste obscurity. A soul, too, more than half divine, Where, through some shades of earthly feeling, Religion's softened glories shine, Like light through summer foliage stealing, Shedding a glow of such mild hue, So warm, and yet so shadowy, too, As makes the very darkness there More beautiful than light elsewhere.

Trotsky Has a Pipe Dream Says U. S. Is Militaristic

It is not only in Europe that we have been able to observe ever-growing manifestation of militarism. More remarkable, perhaps, than the growth of European militarism is the development of similar tendencies in the United States of America; for there military preparations have reached an extent far beyond the wildest dreams not only of the disorganized Balkanized Europe of today, but even of Europe as it was before the war." So declared Leon Trotsky, Communist leader, in a recent address.

"I am not going to bore you with figures to show the economic power of the United States. This is too well known to require repetition. But there are, nevertheless, two sets of figures that are worth mentioning again:

Motive Power Estimated

"Everyone knows that the number of available mechanical motive power units (automobiles, locomotives, steamships, tractors, etc.) is a very important military factor. Now the total number of such units in the entire world is, roughly estimated, equivalent to 500,000,000 horsepower. Translated into terms of manpower (one horsepower being equivalent to ten manpower), this means 5,000,000,000 manpower—a force probably five times as great as that represented by the working population of the globe.

"And the United States, whose population makes up only one-sixteenth of humanity, possesses half of the total horsepower of the world, or an equivalent of 2,500,000,000 manpower!

"The proportion is equally striking in the realm of finance. The total amount of gold in the world amounts to about 18,000,000,000 gold rubles, or \$9,000,000,000. And of that amount \$4,500,000,000, or one-half, rests in the vaults of the Federal Reserve Bank of the United States!

"Thus America has half of the mechanical power which forms the foundation of the capitalist temple, and half the monetary resources which crown it like a golden cupola. And everything in between is also divided between the United States and the rest of the world in the same striking ratio.

Change Follows War

"I believe I have given enough of an outline of the technical and economic basis of American militarism—which was born later than its European relative, but has outgrown the latter to a tremendous degree. It is only recently that the United States became a militaristic country; a radical change took place there after the World War.

"When, about the end of the war, the United States joined the Allies the combination succeeded in pounding Germany to pieces. England, however, whose main obstacle to world domination was the United States, was not entirely satisfied with the outcome of the struggle. What England wanted was a defeated and weakened but not a crushed Germany—a vanquished enemy, but one that could still remain a menace to one of the victors, France. But America wanted a France powerful enough to rival England in military strength.

"America attained her aim. But despite this fact—or perhaps because of it—we can see today a pandemonium of militarism broke loose in North America.

"The American navy has grown to be almost equal to that of Great Britain. In the fields of aviation and war chemistry the United States occupies first place today.

"At the same time American capital is still able, thanks to its geographic situation and historic development, to use the mask of pacifism. Even its aggressive intervention in European affairs is giving food for the pacifist illusion in Europe."

Most Men Are Flatterers Only Few Can Praise Well

"MORE men know how to flatter," said Wendell Phillips, "than how to praise."

To flatter is easy, to condemn is easy, but to praise judiciously and discriminatingly is not easy.

"Extravagant praise defeats itself, as does extravagant blame," John Burroughs opines.

"A man is rarely overpraised during his own time by his own people.

"If he is an original, forceful character, he is much more likely to be overblamed than overpraised. He disturbs old ways and institutions.

"We require an exalted point of view to take in a great character, as we do to take in a great mountain."

We are likely to overpraise and overblame our presidents and our leaders. Lincoln was greatly overblamed in his day, but we have made up to his memory. Wilson won applause from both sides in his first term, but how overwhelmingly did the tide turn against him before the end of his second term.

"A president of the United States must ever be the target of intelligent ridicule and criticism, not to mention a secondary fusillade of bean-shooters, custard pies and asafoteida bombs," observes a contemporary writer.

A little of the Scottish moderation is not so bad; it is always safe.

"A wise man will always prefer unjust blame to fulsome praise," Burroughs says.

Extremes in the estimation of a sound character are bound sooner or later to correct themselves.

Wendell Phillips, who said "More men know how to flatter than how to praise," got more than his share of blame during the anti-slavery days, but the praise came in due time.

Tactus, in "Agricola," avowed that flatterers are the worst kind of enemies; and another ancient, Phaedrus, opined that they who delight to be flattered pay for their folly by a late repentance.

Worth repeating here is La Rochefoucauld's time-tested observation to the effect that we sometimes think we hate flattery, but we only hate the manner in which it is done.

"Gallantry of mind," he averred, "consists in saying flattering things in an agreeable manner."

AFFAIRS OF THE HEART

By Mrs. Thompson

WANTS HIM BACK

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am very much in trouble and I hope you will console me. I am married and I have been separated from my husband for some time. Since I have been separated he has been living with another woman. I have applied for a divorce, but since that time have realized I really love my husband. How can I get him to come back to me?

WORRIED.

Perhaps a lawyer could bring about a reconciliation. My advice is to see what can be done in that way. If you made any attempt you might say something which would prejudice your husband so that you would not gain your end. Very often an attorney is able to bring a man and woman together after they have parted.

BROWN-EYED SALTY: In your case it would be all right to visit your fiancé's home.

HE IS NOT FREE

Dear Mr. Thompson: For several months I have been going with a young man one year my senior and although I didn't know much about him I trusted him and now find that I love him. Not long ago he asked me to marry him and I consented. But then he told me that I can know him and care for him so much and still carry on this plain, every day life. He is married. It seems it was not his fault. They lived at his home for only a short while for he didn't care for her and they soon separated. She returned to her own home. Then he met me and he says he'll never give me up for he loves me. We have been worried about it for he is almost as ignorant of the important things of life as I and we only know we love each other dearly and wish to marry. He tells me he has been considering a divorce for some time and now that he loves me is determined to get it. But I am sure that if my parents knew he had been married before they would send me away. They do not know I care for him but think he is just another friend. He says that for financial reasons he cannot start his divorce until March. Would it be wrong for me to continue seeing him and going about with him until that time? And is it wrong for me to write to him? Would it be committing a very great sin not to tell my parents all? He asked me not to go with anyone else. Was that right? Can I consider myself engaged to him? RUTH ANNA.

It is not right for you to see another woman's husband, and he is the other woman's husband in spite of the fact that he no longer loves her but loves you. Tell him that if he loves you he will protect your good name enough to stay away until after he is legally free and that you will remain true to him during that time. Also stop corresponding. Your letters might be used against you in a divorce suit, and surely you do not want to be dragged into a scandal. It would not be a sin to keep a secret from your parents, but it would be a mistake. Your parents would understand better than you think they would. They might offer opposition, but their investigation of the matter would be a good thing and might save you a lot of trouble and heartache later on. Since he loves you and has told you he wants to marry you, it was all right for him to ask you not to go with anyone else. Of course you cannot consider yourself engaged as long as he has a wife.

WOULD HE BE CRUEL?

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am engaged to a young man six years my senior. We are to be married this spring. My parents like this young man very much but do not want me to marry him as they say he would be very cruel after we are married. Mother says he has just that disposition. He knows of this but assures me they are all wrong. He says he could never be as cruel as they say. But my parents still keep telling me not to marry him. Please advise me as best you can. TROUBLED SUE.

You have not given the reason why your parents think the young man would be cruel. If he shows signs now and you can see that your parents have reason for feeling as they do, you ought to give him up. An unmarried girl is apt to stand a lot of meanness on the part of a man until after she is married to him, and then she spends her time in tears and feeling sorry for herself because she cannot make her husband good to her although she tries with all her might. A person's nature remains pretty much the same. After marriage when one or the other is unhappy it is usually the result of blindness before marriage. Be very sure that you want to place your happiness of the rest of your life in the young man's hands before you marry him.

HER FICKLENESS TO BLAME

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am a girl of nineteen. I was going with a nice young man a few years my senior. He gradually became more serious and finally hinted toward marriage. I had never had any thoughts of marriage, and just went with him for a good time.

thought that was all there was in this world—good times and no need of ever getting serious. When he began to show his liking for me I started discouraging him by slighting him and going with other fellows. The result was he gave up and finally quit coming to see me. I was glad at first as I didn't want to be tied down to any fellow and just wanted good times. After a while I began to realize I cared for him and now I want him back, but he is going with other girls. I believe he still likes me. What can I do to win or get him back? Please tell me.

A LONESOME GIRL.

You were a very fickle, selfish girl, my dear, and needed to be brought to time with a good lesson and heartache. Any girl who goes with one man after another merely for a good time, not stopping to think that the young men

have feelings and are capable of deep love, deserves to suffer herself. Take your lesson. You have played your game and lost. Don't show how disappointed you are; keep up your good cheer and feel that you have learned a valuable lesson for the future. You can be friendly to the man but nothing more. Perhaps if he still cares for you he will come back. It may be, however, that he had enough of your indifference and will never again put himself in a position to be turned down by you. Always bear in mind that love is a very serious matter. If you trifle with it you will not get the most out of it. Consider the man's feelings and do not be any more willing to hurt than you are to be hurt.

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